



THE SMOKE SIGNAL

Cobb County Fire & Emergency Services

Winter, 2010

WINTER HAPPENINGS

Fall and Winter have been busy seasons for CCFES! One of the developments was the recent arrival of four new rescue trucks.

In an effort to meet the medical response needs of our community while maximizing efficiency, Cobb Fire took delivery in late January of four Ford F-450 vehicles. These units were placed into service at Stations 1, 9, 12, and 16.

These vehicles will be far more efficient than the older style of Rescues. Additionally, they were purchased prior to the engine design changes, which has alleviated increased cost and possible maintenance issues that often occur in the first years of a new model's production.

On a more social note, Cobb Fire held a Firefighter's Ball to commemorate the 40th anniversary of Cobb Fire's inception. The semi-formal event was hosted by the Cobb Fire Social Committee, and was well attended by members of the Department. As in the Family Fun Day, the Committee wishes to provide more events in the future for CCFES employees and their families (more inside on Committee news). Many thanks to those on the Committee for their hard work:

Sam Heaton
Randy Crider
Roger Priest
Jon Redwine
Doug Watkins
Josh Taylor
Jake Cordle
John Graham
Adam Storey
Denell Boyd



PICTURED ABOVE:

Brittney & Everett Ingram, Van Cunningham, Bill Sosbee, and James O'Shields enjoy the food and fellowship at the Ball while Charles Blackwell performs DJ duties.

PERSONNEL NEWS

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The end of 2009 saw many personnel changes at CCFES. A number of employees had the opportunity to retire, receive a promotion, or reassignment. We congratulate all who were able to transition into the next phase of their lives and careers, as well as those who experienced major professional accomplishments!

Pictured Right: Chief Sam Heaton presents Marty Gable, Pete Swisher, and Terry Duncan with their retirement awards on December 31, 2009.



Here's a comprehensive list of promotions and retirements since the last issue- we hope we haven't forgotten anyone!



Cobb County...Expect the Best!

COBB FIRE IS A DEPARTMENT OF COBB COUNTY GOVERNMENT

- Samuel S. Olens, Commission Chairman
- Helen Goreham, District 1 Commissioner
- Bob Ott, District 2 Commissioner
- Tim Lee, District 3 Commissioner
- Woody Thompson, District 4 Commissioner
- David Hankerson, County Manager

PROMOTION TO ENGINEER:

- Sean Doran
- David Gentile
- Robert Harkins
- Michael Hilley
- Richard Kenyon
- Joseph West
- Shawn Ravish
- Michael Pickett
- Michael Bolyard
- Kevin Downer
- Scott Gran
- Philip Hankinson
- Dennis McEntyre

PROMOTION TO LIEUTENANT:

- Justin Green
- Doug Appleby
- Ryan Fleeman
- Chris Smith
- Adam Storey
- Gray Ellis

APPOINTMENT TO CAPTAIN:

- Cathy Brandt
- William Johnson

APPOINTMENT TO BATTALION CHIEF:

- Mike Ellington

APPOINTMENT TO DEPUTY CHIEF:

- Jimmy Taylor

ADVANCEMENT TO FIRE INSPECTOR II:

- Joe Davidson
- George Mosley

DESIGNATION TO FIREFIGHTER III:

- Darnell Musgrove

RETIREMENTS IN 2009:

- Marty Gable
- Peter Swisher
- Terry Duncan
- Al Gilson
- Jerry Stuckey
- Ginger Newbern

- James Allen
- Jim Dunn
- John Kelly
- Jack Spradling
- Jim Killcreas
- Mike Hughes

- Jerry Sluder
- Frank Woodall
- Rob Robinson
- Toby Koby
- Terry Beadles
- Jim Mykytyn



NEWS FROM THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE

By Captain Jay Westbrook

We are requesting that personnel take note of a new code titled, "New Action Codes" in FIREHOUSE. Please utilize this code in the incident reporting module to eliminate duplicated tasks and e-mails to the Fire Marshal's Office (FMO).

82F - NOTIFY FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE was added so that personnel can notify the FMO of issues that need to be followed up on without sending extra documentation to the FMO. A complete and thorough narrative should accurately describe the situation or problem.

85F - POST FIRE WATCH was added so that personnel can accurately document when a fire watch is posted for fire alarm or sprinkler issues. The incident narrative must include the name and contact information for the person informed of the need for a fire watch.

Neither of these codes should be the only actions taken on a scene. The incident report will accept multiple "actions taken" codes. Reports are printed in the Fire Marshal's Office to follow up on incidents that contain either of the above actions taken.

The current requirements for Incident Notification Forms have not been change at this time. The Incident Notification Group includes the FMO and the Building Department. If you have any questions, please contact us.

CCFES FAMILY FUN DAY

The second annual CCFES Family Fun Day is scheduled for Monday, May 31, 2010 (Memorial Day) in Powder Springs. This year's event is shaping up to be bigger than last year, with more activities for children and adults of all ages. In addition to the softball tournament, the Social Committee is working on a morning triathlon. The event is open to all sworn and nonsworn CCFES employees and their families.

Your Social Committee is working hard to plan an incredible day! If you have any ideas or would like to assist, please contact Captain Roger Priest or Engineer James O'Shields.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE RETIRING

As of press time, below is a listing of CCFES employees who have retired since January 1, or have announced their intentions to retire by April 30 through the Cobb County Immediate Retirement Incentive Program. We wish them all well and will miss them as they enter this new phase of their lives!

Monty Leachman

Bill Dawson

Mark Mitchell

Tom Simler

Jolene Hagan

David Shelton

Mark McCravy

Ricky Woodruff

Richard Peisel

Walt Clark

Michael Dickerson

Steve Tucker

Mike Brewer

Roger Davenport

Alan Gibson

Steve Crider

Greg White

Greg Austin

David Myers

Rick Paige

David Chastain

Bill Duffy

Bill Dean

Corley Stanfield

Rick Carroll

Jeff Albertson

Bob Duncan

Ken Hankinson

Darrell Dunlap

Scott Starnes

GLAD YOU ASKED.....

By popular demand, here are some 2009 run stats:

TOTAL RUNS BY UNIT

First Battalion

E1 - 2,432
Med 1 - 2,757
T1 - 557
E6 - 950
E9 - 1,955
Med 9 - 1,336
E10- 1,502
E22 - 1,921
T22 - 535
E23 - 1,930
R23- 1,938
E27 - 986

Second Battalion

E2 - 2,092
R2- 2,427
E3- 1,111
E4- 1,530
T4- 381
E5- 1,770
Med5- 1,497
E7- 1,765
E19- 2,524
T19- 674
E30- 2,450
SQ4- 518

Third Battalion

E12- 1,679
Med12- 1,753
E14- 1,631
T14- 546
E15- 1,417
E16- 2,259
R16- 2,091
E20- 1,500
R20- 2,533
E21- 1,419
T21- 302
E25- 868

Fourth Battalion

E8- 2,236
T8- 607
E11- 1,683
R11- 1,414
E13- 1,052
T13- 219
E17- 1,018
E18- 940
E24- 1,042
Med24- 1,872
E26- 2,503
E28- 1,141
900- 438

STRUCTURE FIRE CALLS BY UNIT

First Battalion

E1 - 67
T1 - 52
E6 - 29
E9 - 45
E10- 73
E22 - 98
T22- 80
E23 - 40
E27 - 63

Second Battalion

E2- 81
E3- 76
E4- 64
T4- 42
E5- 56
E7- 101
E19-65
T19- 51
E30- 90
SQ4- 125

Third Battalion

E12- 65
E14- 65
T14- 105
E15- 64
E16- 65
E20- 73
E21- 53
T21- 27
E25- 44

Fourth Battalion

E8- 54
T8- 94
E11- 33
E13- 40
T13- 36
E17- 32
E18- 61
E24- 88
E26- 60
E28- 45
900- 134

